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Dear Friend,

It was a year ago that I was inspired to run in a "Virtual" Marathon for Canadian Friends of Hebrew University to raise money for Autism Research at Hebrew University. As you may know, I "won" the race, but I have to say I did it with very little sweat or physical exertion. This time, it will be different. On February 28, 2014, I plan on running (and yes, part of the course is along the beach) in the Tel Aviv Half Marathon to support Autism Research at Hebrew University, more specifically to support and promote collaborative research between Canada's best and Israel's best autism researchers.

I along with an amazing group of Canadians and Israelis have organized the first ever Canada/Israel Conference on Autism Research to be hosted by Hebrew University (Institute for Medical Research). The conference will take place in Jerusalem on March 1-4, 2014, the day after the Marathon! It will be attended by researchers, clinicians, parents, and others impacted by autism.

Canada's leading autism researchers are going to Israel to exchange knowledge and expertise with their Israeli peers. The Conference is intended to spark future collaborative projects between the best and brightest from both countries. The ultimate goal is the creation of an Autism Research Centre at Hebrew University.

Please join me in my challenge to raise \$25,000 for this unique and exciting collaboration intended to benefit both countries and persons dealing with autism wherever they might live!

Click on this link to donate generously to my campaign. You will be directed to a Canadian Friends of Hebrew University donation page that was created especially for me. All donations on this page will directly support me in the Tel Aviv Marathon, and raise money directly for Autism Research Collaborations Canada/Israel at Hebrew University. An official Canadian tax receipt will be issued for the full amount of your donation. <u>https://donate.cfhu.org/AutismResearch</u>

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

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P.S. To learn more about the conference, check out my new web site at: <u>http://autismcanada-israel.com/autism-symposium-2013/</u>